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SUBJ: CONCERN WITH MORALE IN THE MILITARY

1. MINWAR GAMASY COMPLETED THREE DAY VISIT TO TROOPS IN
WESTERN DESERT AUG 22 DURING WHICH HE ALSO MET WITH ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND TRIBAL LEADERS. GAMASY PLEDGED MILITARY SUPPORT
FOR ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN AREA INCLUDING 1 MILLION POUNDS
FOR MERSA MATRUH-SIWA OASIS ROAD (WHICH OBVIOUSLY ALSO HAS
MILITARY IMPLICATIONS).

2. SADAT VISITED SAME AREA AUG 7-8 GIVING LENGTHY SPEECHES
TO MILITARY LEADERS IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, HE ASSURED THEM THAT
ALL EFFORTS BEING EXERTED TO MODERNIZE EGYPTIAN ARMAMENTS.

3. PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED TO SPEND LATTER HALF OF RAMADAN
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IN ISMAILIA. FROM THERE HE WILL AS IS CUSTOMARY VISIT UNITS
FOR MORALE RAISING ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: VISITS HIGHLIGHT GOE CONCERN WITH MORALE OF MIL-
ITARY. SPEAKING TO POLCONS AUG 22, MAJGEN MAGDUB, WHO IS ONE
OF GAMASY'S SENIOR AIDES, SAID HIS PREVIOUS OPTIMISM ON PROS-
PECTS FOR SETTLEMENT HAD TURNED TO MILD PESSIMISM BECAUSE OF

(A) BEGIN GOVT'S HARD LINE ON ALL ISSUES AND (B) THE "UNCLEAR"
POSITION THAT USG IS ADOPTING IN FACE OF ISRAELI ACTIONS.
MAGDUB SAID IT IS ALMOST TWO YEARS SINCE SINAI II AND EGYPTIAN
PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN. HE SAID ARABS COULD SIMPLY NOT
ACCEPT PROPOSITION THAT USG COULD NOT BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR
ON ISRAELIS IF IT DETERMINED TO DO SO. WHILE MAGDUB DID NOT
REFER TO MORALE WITHIN ARMY, HIS VIEWS ALMOST CERTAINLY REFLECT
THINKING OF MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES.
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